

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's notation that the Reply filed September 4, 2004 is responsive to notice of non-responsive amendment mailed on August 26, 2003. Entry of the Reply is respectfully requested.

Applicant also acknowledges with thanks receipt as well as entry of the reply filed on May 29, 2003 and further responds herein to the objections raised in the current Office communication dated January 21, 2004.

Applicant has amended the format of the claims to conform with the revised version set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d), effective July 30, 2003. A complete listing of the claims as amended in the Reply filed May 29, 2003, including claims 23 and 6-12 and 17-19 in compliance with the revised amendment format, are attached. The text of new claim 23 is not underlined and the text of withdrawn claims 6-12 and 17-19 are shown.

The arguments in the Replies filed on September 4, 2003 and May 29, 2003 are the same.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass the case to issue.

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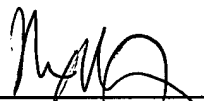
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